

35. A device according to Claim 27 wherein at least one electrode arrangement is provided with a supply apparatus supplying SiO<sub>2</sub> granulate, and at least one additional electrode arrangement is provided exclusively for heating.

36. A device according to Claim 28 wherein at least one electrode arrangement is provided with a supply apparatus supplying SiO<sub>2</sub> granulate, and at least one additional electrode arrangement is provided exclusively for heating.

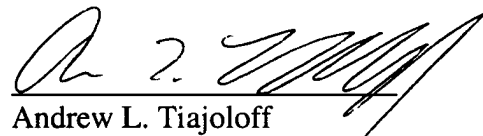
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REMARKS

This amendment is submitted to cast the claims in a U.S. format.

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